

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A portable audio device, comprising:
 - a) a digital audio player operable to convert digital signals stored in a memory to audio signals;
 - b) audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals; and
 - c) an expansion module operable to provide additional capacity to the digital audio player, wherein the expansion module resides at a location away from the digital audio player.
2. The portable audio device of claim 1, wherein the portable audio device further comprises a remote control connected to the player and the audio outputs.
3. The portable audio device of claim 1, wherein the expansion module resides on the remote control.
4. The portable audio device of claim 3, wherein the expansion modules is removable.
5. The portable audio device of claim 1, wherein the expansion module resides in the audio outputs.
6. The portable audio device of claim 1, wherein the expansion module contains additional memory.
7. The portable audio device of claim 1, wherein the expansion module contains a battery.
8. A portable audio device, comprising:
 - a) a digital audio player operable to convert digital signals to audio signals, the player comprising:
 - i) a memory operable to store digital signals;
 - ii) a battery operable to provide power; and
 - iii) a digital to analog converter operable to convert the digital signals to analog audio signals;

- b) a remote control in connection with the player operable to allow a user to operate the player from the remote control;
- c) an expansion module operable to provide additional capacity to the player, wherein the expansion module resides separate from the player; and
- 5 d) audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals.

9. The portable audio device of claim 8, wherein the expansion module resides on the remote control.

10. The portable audio device of claim 9, wherein the expansion module is removable from the remote control.

11. The portable audio device of claim 9, wherein the expansion module resides in the audio outputs.

12. The portable audio device of claim 9, wherein the expansion module contains additional memory.

13. The portable audio device of claim 9, wherein the expansion module contains an additional battery.

14. A portable audio device, comprising:

a) a digital audio player operable to convert digital signals to audio signals, the player comprising:

i) a memory operable to store digital signals;

20 ii) a battery operable to provide power; and

iii) a digital to analog converter operable to convert the digital signals to analog audio signals;

b) a remote control in connection with the player operable to allow a user to operate the player from the remote control;

c) an expansion module resident on the remote control operable to provide additional capacity to the player, wherein the expansion module resides separate from the player; and

d) audio outputs operable to allow a user to hear the audio signals.

5 15. The portable audio device of claim 14, wherein the expansion module is removable from the remote control.

16. The portable audio device of claim 14, wherein the expansion module further comprises additional memory.

17. The portable audio device of claim 14, wherein the expansion module further comprises an additional battery.

18. A portable audio device, comprising:

a) means for converting digital signals stored in a memory to audio signals;

b) means for allowing a user to hear the audio signals; and

c) means for providing additional capacity to the digital audio player, wherein the expansion module resides at a location away from the digital audio player.

19. The portable audio device of claim 18, wherein the additional capacity is additional memory capacity.

20. The portable audio device of claim 18, wherein the additional capacity is additional battery capacity.

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